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orts, social, economic and legislative measures and institutional mechanisms concerning the rural labour.

The recommendations of the Commission will need to be examined at length by the various Ministries|Departments in the Central Government, in consultation with the State Governments, where necessary, before they are implemented.

Copies of the Report of the Commission have already been kept in the Parliament Library for the benefit of the Hon'ble Members.

Accidental death of Maj. Gen. A. M. Malik, Addl. Director-General, Military Training Army Hqrs.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): Sir, Maj. Gen. A. M. Malik, who was serving as Addl. Director General in the Directorate General of Military Training, Army HQrs., reportedly fell down from the staircase of 'A' Wing, Sena Bhavan, to the ground floor courtyard of the building and died instantly at about 1050 hours on 4th September, 1991. The Office of the Major General was located on the 7th Floor of the 'A' Wing, Sena Bhawan. From the first reports available, it is not known from which floor he fell.

The incident was first reported by the Security Staff posted in the 'A' Wing of Sena Bhavan. Immediately thereafter a number of senior officers of the Defence HQrs including the Vice Chief of the Army Staff and the Chief Adminsitrative Officer, Ministry of Defence, rushed to the site. The Delhi Police, who were immediately informed of the incident, arrived on the spot and are reported to have commenced their investigations. The post-mortem of the dead body, which has since been got done by the Police, indicates that the death of the General Officer was due to the fall from a high level.

Besides the investigations by the local Police authorities, as per Army Regulations, a Court of Inquiry headed by a Major General with two Brigadiers as Members has been ordered to investigate into the circumstances leading to the death of Major General Malik.

Incidents of Firing in Kirni Area of Poonch Sector on the Line of control, Jammu and Kashmir.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): Sir, The Kirni area of Poonch Sector, in Poonch District, Jammu & Kashmir, lies astride the line of Control, with houses both in Pak Occupied Kashmir and on our side, very close to the Line of Control. Approximately 16 houses lie close to the Line of Control on our side.

On the night of 23-8-1991 information was received that militants were hiding in some of the houses on our side of the LOC and a search was carried out by our troops on the dawn of 24-8-91. During the search operations, the militants fired on our troops and, subsequently, the Pakistani post, located opposite the houses, also opened fire on our troops in a bid to help the militants to escape.

Fire was exchanged between the Indian and Pakistani troops in this area on the following days. With a view to clear the militants and the Pakistani troops who were apparently present in these houses, our troops launched an operation on the night of 31st August|1st September, 1991 and cleared the entire area.

As per the existing arrangements, based on the discussions between the Directors General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan, the situation was de-escalated and a Flag Meeting between the local Commanders was held on 3rd September, 1991. As a prelude to the holding of